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Ceres Gateway Center
SCH# 2019109006

Mr. Tom Westbrook
 Director of Community Development
 City of Ceres
 2220 Magnolia Street
 Ceres, CA 95307

Dear Mr. Westbrook:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the above-referenced document, the Ceres Gateway Center project, 19-20 VTPM/ 19-21 SPSP/ 19-22 VAR, SCH# 2019109006. The Department has the following comments:

This project may cause a significant safety impact to the SR 99 at Service Road (future) and Mitchell Road on- and offramps and intersections. A traffic impact study (TIS) is necessary to determine this proposed project's near-term and long-term impacts to State facilities – both existing and proposed – and to propose appropriate mitigation measures. The Department recommends that the study be prepared in accordance with the Caltrans Guide for the Preparation of Traffic Impact Studies. The Department is available to discuss assumptions, data requirements, study scenarios, and analysis methodologies prior to beginning the TIS. This will help ensure that a quality TIS is prepared. As part of the TIS submission to the Department, please provide, in an electronic format (Synchro 10/Simtraffic), the traffic microsimulation software files (both input and output) that will be used to develop the TIS. The Department requires this information to provide a complete review and further comment of the proposed project. The TIS must include, but is not limited to, the above referenced on- and offramps and their intersections. As part of the TIS please provide:

- 95 percentile queue length
- Available storage
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Expected Vehicle Hour Delay (VHD)
- Trip generation of this project
- Type of trucks accessing this facility
- Onsite circulation of traffic for the project
- Distance from driveways to the nearest intersection
- Need for signalization
- Proposed construction timeline and opening year of facility

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The Department is constructing a highway improvement that may impact your project. The improvement is intended to improvement type SR-99 at Service Road and Mitchell Road, and is referred to as Expenditure Authorization EA 10-1A6904 (Diverging Diamond Interchange) in the Department's Status of Projects. Coordination with this project is imperative to mitigating impacts to our facilities. Should this proposed project open prior to the highway improvements, please indicate mitigation measures which address impacts presented by your project.

All signs visible to traffic on State facilities need to be constructed in compliance with local government and State regulations. Information regarding the Department's regulation of outdoor advertising may be found online at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/oda>. Please work with the Department's Office of Outdoor Advertising (ODA) to obtain the appropriate permit for this project. For questions related to the ODA permit application process, please contact Kenneth Parmelee at (916) 651-9327.

Given the importance of mobility options, the project should provide an assessment of how various transportation options will be incorporated into the site. Specifically, pedestrian and bicycle access to and through the subject site should be provided. The Department encourages the applicant to incorporate design features that encourage walking and bicycling and expanded public transit options.

We suggest that the County continue to coordinate and consult with the Department to identify and address potential cumulative transportation impacts that may occur near this geographical location. This will assist us in ensuring that traffic safety and quality standards are maintained for the traveling public on state transportation facilities. Please forward the final Conditions of Approval to the Caltrans District 10-Transportation Planning Division, Attention IGR Coordinator. If you have any questions, please contact Steven Martinez at (209) 942-6092 (email: steven.r.martinez@dot.ca.gov) or me at (209) 941-1921. We look forward to continuing to work with you in a cooperative manner.

Sincerely,



TOM DUMAS, Chief
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